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HONGKONG, JANUARY 12TH, 1911.

In the course of the very interesting speech which Mr. Mackintosh delivered on the occasion of the annual dinner of the London Staff of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank he remarked that it might be thought that the financial reforms which are obviously necessary in China will not be carried out in the life-time of the present generation, but for his part, he ventured to think that view mistaken. We are inclined to think so too, notwithstanding that in the last few weeks the foundation of this optimism has been somewhat weakened. Mr. Mackintosh based his faith, as we do, on the fact that there are in the Chinese Government at this moment "men of highly enlightened views, highly educated men, who are profoundly alive to the necessity of these reforms, and who are making their influence felt." That is quite true, but the forces of progress in this matter have suffered a very severe loss since that speech was delivered, in the resignation of H.E. TANG SHAO YI, who had recently been appointed to office in Peking after a long period of seclusion dating back to the time of his return from a mission in Europe and America, undertaken mainly for the purpose of studying currency questions with a view to financial reforms in China. It has been represented that grief and indisposition following the death of his wife constrained His Excellency to resign. Reports, however, are now appear-

ing in the Chinese papers ascribing his resignation to the hostility shown in certain quarters to the American loan, which is a very likely reason. This loan is the outcome of His Excellency's visit to the United States in 1908. He then entered into negotiations with American financiers for what President TART has described as "a large loan with which to inaugurate a new currency system." The almost simultaneous death of the Empress Dowager, and the Emperor KWANG HUI were not interrupted the negotiations, which were not resumed until a few months ago, when a preliminary agreement between the American group and China was made for a loan of fifty million gold-dollars. The matter at present stands in the same position as certain other loans of which we have heard so much: it has not progressed beyond the preliminary stage. In his recent Message to Congress President TART made this interesting statement regarding the Agreement: "It covers a loan to carry out long-contemplated reforms which are of the greatest importance to the commercial interests of the United States and of the civilized world. It is realized that an expert will be necessary and this Government has received assurances from China that an Adviser, who shall be an American, will be engaged." China now says she does not want a foreign adviser. TANG SHAO YI having thus "lost face" has "retired into the country," while Americans and the rest of the world have been shown that "assurances from China" are not worth the paper they are written on. It is not a little curious that this disclosure made in connection with negotiations in which TANG SHAO YI has played so prominent a part, for His Excellency has been recently combating in the columns of *The Times* the views of an ex-Consul that certain "assurances from China" in connection with another investment could not safely be trusted. All this goes to discourage hopes of the gigantic currency problem of China being seriously dealt with at an early date but we would gain believe that there is now an enlightened opinion in China on this question which will not be content to see it postponed to the Greek Kalends. We commend the attention of our Chinese readers to the observations on this subject made by Mr. Mackintosh in the speech we published yesterday, in which he pointed out the causes impeding China's prosperity and sapping her wealth. It is more widely recognised in China now than it was a decade ago that "bad currency is a national evil of the first magnitude," and it must be obvious to all who are able to appreciate the gigantic nature of the task of reform that it would be to China's advantage to have the advice and assistance of a foreign expert of proved experience in currency affairs.

Mr. D. R. Law, for many years Messrs. Butterfield & Swire's *taipin* in Hongkong, is on a visit to the Colony.

Police Sergeant Appleton, Moore and Baker yesterday signed on for another period of five years in the service of the force.

Lieut.-Col. Sir Joseph Fayer, M.D., has kindly consented to distribute the prizes at the Diocesan School and Orphanage on Saturday.

The Manila *Cablenews* states that P.18,000 worth of opium was confiscated by the customs-house officials on the 6th instant, all of the dope being hidden in the barrel-staves of a consignment of oil addressed to Qui Yung, a local Chinese importer. On the 3rd 199 tins of the drug valued at P.120,000, hidden in the same way, were found in some barrels of lampblack addressed to the same importer. This, together with the first find of 300 tins, makes a total of P.30,000 worth of the stuff that dreams are made of, found by the detectives during the past week, hidden in this novel manner.

The Japanese cruiser *Tsushima* arrived in port yesterday afternoon. The squadron will be joined to-day by the gunboat *Uji*. Rear-Admiral Kawashima, who is in command of the squadron, will land this morning at Blakes Pier at 10.15 and will proceed to Government House. H.E. the Governor is expected to return the call shortly afterwards. The squadron's stay here is to be shorter than was at first intended, and it is expected the ships will leave about the 26th inst. The Rear-Admiral will make a visit to Canton on the *Uji* during that time. To-night he and the officers will be entertained at the Nippon Club.

A concert-academie is to be given by the orchestra of the Austrian cruiser *Evangel Joseph I.* at St. Patrick's Club on Saturday night, in aid of the orphans of the St. Lewis Industrial School at West Point. Besides the musical treat which will be provided by this excellent band, a number of prominent vocalists will contribute to the programme. The aim of the St. Lewis Industrial School is to rear all its inmates to a trade, so that when they grow old enough and are discharged, they will be prepared for the battle of life. The concert starts at 8.30, and as the prices of admission are reasonable it is hoped that the Club will be crowded, and that the school will materially benefit by the takings.

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[FROM THE "CHUNG NGOI SAN PO."]

## DISOBEYING AN IMPERIAL ORDER.

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PEKING, January 11th.

Wan Si Lam, who was chosen by people in Manchuria to come to Peking and assist the members of the National Assembly in endeavouring to obtain the immediate institution of constitutional government, was ordered by the Throne to return to his native place.

He disobeyed the order and was arrested at Tientsin.

An Imperial decree has been issued ordering his banishment to Chinese Turkestan, and he was exiled yesterday.

[REUTERS' SERVICE TO THE "HONGKONG  
DAILY PRESS."]

## OPIUM AUCTION AT CALCUTTA.

CALCUTTA, January 11th.

Yesterday 2,620 chests of opium were sold here at an average price of 3,365 Rs. a chest.

The Government of India has already made 358 lakhs over the Budget estimate.

There are 5,240 chests more to be sold before the close of the year.

In reference to the message published on the 6th inst., the reduction in the export-only holds good for the year 1911. Further action in India depends upon the negotiations now proceeding at Peking.

## RUSSIA AND GERMANY.

LONDON, January 11th.

The "Morning Post" states the negotiations now proceeding in Berlin and St. Petersburg may result on a modification of the Russo-German arrangement.

## SOUTH MANCHURIAN RAILWAY LOAN.

LONDON, January 11th.

The South Manchurian Railway Loan is quoted at 1 per cent. discount for cash.

## PRUSSIA'S BUDGET.

LONDON, January 11th.

Renter's Berlin correspondent telegraphs that the Prussian Minister of Finance, in introducing the Prussian Budget, referred to the progressive improvement in the national finances and foreshadowed the early disappearance of the deficits. A loan under a million and a half sterling would be required to meet the deficit for 1911.

[FROM THE "CABLENEWS-AMERICAN."]

## UNITED STATES-CANADIAN RECIPROCITY.

Washington, Jan. 7th.

President Taft has invited Earl Grey, the Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada, to a conference on the question of reciprocity between the two countries. The Earl has not yet replied to the invitation, but the prevailing opinion is that the conference will be held in the near future and that the interests of the United States and the Dominion greatly benefited thereby.

## GAOL SENTENCES FOR RICH CRIMINALS.

Washington, Jan. 7th.

President Taft yesterday declared himself on the question of imprisonment for the heads of trusts and corporations found guilty of violating the laws of the country. The President takes the ground that fines are not effective when imposed on criminals of great wealth, and advocates a law providing for gaol sentences for such offences and such offenders as the only way to make it effective.

## CANTON.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

INCREASING FERRY CHARGES.

Some time ago the cost of crossing the river between Honan and Canton was four cash. Then some new ferry boats were built of a superior make, holding a larger number of persons, and the charge was increased to five cash. Now someone has sent in a petition begging to be allowed to take charge of the ferry traffic, and to charge six cash for each passage. This has greatly roused the ire of the inhabitants of Honan and Canton, and they have sent in a petition to Admiral Li, who has charge of all the river affairs, not to grant this request. The Admiral has agreed with them and no extra fare is to be charged. Let it not be considered that a while man want to cross he has to engage a boat that will probably charge him at least ten cents, roughly speaking, twenty times as much as a native would pay. Some time ago it was proposed to build a bridge between Canton and Honan, but the boat people threatened to assemble en masse and pull down any structure that was erected, so there is no bridge to this day.

IN SEARCH OF A FATHER.

During the late Fatsan processions many persons were lost, many robberies, snatchings and kidnappings have also been reported to the police. In one instance an old man more than 60 years of age came from the San Wui District to view the idolatrous procession. Since that time no one has seen or heard anything of him. A day or two ago his son came to Fatsan and offered a big reward if anyone could give information leading to his whereabouts. No reply has yet been received. At present the police stations are crowded with notices regarding missing relatives, friends and effects.

THE NG CHUEN TROUBLES.

It has now transpired who the leader of the revolutionaries in the Ng Chen district is. It appears that some years ago a notorious robber called Sia raised a rebellion in this district, but was defeated by Colonel Mok Sir Hu. Since that time he has been in hiding, but when the recent troubles occurred he assumed command of the insurgents. They have a banner on which is inscribed certain characters the meaning of which is "Down with the Tai Ching Dynasty and Restore that of Ming." The residents of this district are in a state of fear, for no man knows from one day to another if his home and family will be safe.

BANK NOTES.

The ways of making money in this city are indeed wonderful. Recently someone has been circulating a rumour to the effect that the Canton bank-notes are valueless and has offered to exchange them at a heavy discount. Of course, the story was believed and the exchanges must have made a heavy profit. This occurrence has been reported to the Provincial Treasurer, who is highly incensed thereat. He has issued a notice warning the people not to be deceived by such specious tales, and also saying that any money-changer found charging discount will be most severely dealt with.

THE POWER OF THE CLAN.

Here is a peculiar little story showing the power of the clan in China. It will be remembered that some time ago thirty-five members of the Provincial Assembly voted in favour of licensed gambling. Of these the moving spirit was one So Ping Shi, a lottery monopolist. Now the So clan are so disgusted with their relative's proceeding that they have publicly renounced all connection with him, and all his privileges as a clan member have been taken from him.

RAILWAY MATTERS.

A project is on foot to construct a branch line of the Yuef Hon Railway from Fatsan through the San Wui District. The first section of the line will pass through Kong Po and Kong Moon and will be 47 miles long. The second, 8 miles long, will pass from Kong Moon to San Wui. The projectors of this line have petitioned Peking for permission to construct.

GREAT FIRE.

A big fire broke out to-day in one of the principal thoroughfares in Honan. At about noon the alarm was raised that a bakery was on fire and in a few moments the fire engines were being dragged through the streets, grongs were being beaten, whistles blown, and there was a great confusion. The fire made speedy headway and in an incredibly short space of time no less than thirteen houses were burnt to the ground. No one was killed, but an unlucky bystander was struck on the head by a falling beam and badly injured. He was at once treated by the Red Cross Society. A very great deal of personal property was lost in spite of the efforts of the newly-formed salvage corps. It is a wonderful thing that so many fires occur just about New Year time, and there are not wanting those who say that the majority of these fires are the result of incendiarism. A great many shops and houses are now insured by native firms, and one man a few days ago was heard to complain that he found great difficulty in letting the top floors of his premises because the shop was insured. He said that persons were afraid that he would set fire to the building, and so no one would rent his rooms. Some of the natives here have got the most wonderful ideas about insurance. Among other things they think that the goods of all lodgers, tenants, etc., will be seized in case of a fire and the value thereof handed over to the landlord.

## ROYAL COLONIAL INSTITUTE.

AN IMPERIAL MEETING PLACE IN LONDON.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

LONDON, Dec. 20th.

Founded forty-two years ago by a few enthusiasts imbued with the Imperial spirit, the Royal Colonial Institute is now regarded as a meeting place of men who have done something to establish and consolidate the British Empire in all the Continents and in every clime.

For fifteen years, its promoters had to be content with two small rooms over a hosiery shop in the Strand, but the bantling first saw the light, I believe, in the upper chamber of a house in Suffolk Street. The Colonial idea was not so general in those days as it is now. It had to be fostered and kept alive, but it received a great impetus when Mr. Joseph Chamberlain—a first-class statesman, and an Imperial enthusiast, if ever there was one—took up the seals of office as Secretary of State for the Colonies. In 1883, the Institute acquired a fine building in Northumberland Avenue. It is thus located near all the Government Offices in Whitehall, and may be considered in the very heart of the Empire. Not at once did it expand, however, in accordance with the ideas of the courageous Members of Council who sanctioned this bold step. Part of the building was leased to the Admiralty for a term of years, and it was only in the beginning of 1910 that the Council felt justified in taking over the whole building and having it so altered and re-arranged that it is to-day a cosy, comfortable, central and well-furnished Club-house, well fitted to serve as the London rendezvous of the sons of the Empire.

The premises consist of five floors. In the basement is the Parliamentary section of the library, containing official documents of the Colonial and Indian Governments, and also the proceedings of learned societies in the Colonies. The library itself, which occupies the whole of the first floor, consists of about 8,000 books and pamphlets, and is the most complete collection of publications relating to Greater Britain within the Empire. There is also a special Empire Law Library—the first of its kind in the United Kingdom—containing the statutes, law reports, law handbooks, and law magazines published in the Dominions, which is expected to prove of great value and utility to barristers and solicitors engaged in Privy Council work.

The newspaper and magazine room has complete files of over 500 newspapers (including the *Hongkong Daily Press*) and magazines from all parts of the Empire arranged in sections and kept up to date. All the twenty-five rooms of the Institute are hung with interesting pictures, including portraits of men eminently associated with the civil administration of the Dominions, and the series of fifty remarkable photographs of the scenery of South Africa, the gift of Mr. Lionel Phillips, of Johannesburg, which were exhibited at the Japan-British Exhibition.

The re-opening of the Institute yesterday was celebrated by a luncheon at the Hotel Metropole, followed by a largely-attended reception at the Institute. Prior to the luncheon, I had a short conversation with the Chairman of the Council, Lieutenant-General Sir J. Bervan Edwards, who recalled the very happy time he spent in Hongkong when he was in command of the Garrison. He had many questions to ask about the Colony, and was pleased to hear of its progress and development. As he had invested some money in the Colony, his interest in it was kept alive for many years after returning to the homeland. I had also an opportunity of talking with Mr. Archibald Colquhoun, at one time Special Correspondent of *The Times* in China, who is always ready to receive contributions to the journal of the Institute, *Empire*, which he is making his special care. It is very desirable that all parts of the Empire should appear in this journal, and it is surely not too much to expect Fellows of the Institute located in Hongkong to contribute short articles bearing upon the Colony's material and political development.

Sir J. Bervan Edwards presided over the luncheon party. There was no formal speech-making, but the Chairman took the opportunity of mentioning that the Institute is entirely self-supporting, and has a membership of over 5,000 Fellows in 17 parts of the world, many of them the leading people of the Empire. His Majesty the King, who was formerly the President, is now the Patron, H. E. H. the Duke of Connaught is the President, and the Vice-Presidents and Fellows include such distinguished men as Lord Rosebery, Lord Milner, Lord Minto, Lord Curzon, Lord Strathcona, Sir George Reid, Sir Joseph Ward, Sir Alfred Deakin, Sir Thomas O'Shaughnessy, Sir Wilfrid Laurier and many other leading Colonial statesmen. Papers were read on the various portions of the Empire, and illustrated lectures were now being given throughout the United Kingdom under auspices of the Institute. Only on the previous night, their lecturer, Mr. W. H. Garrison, had an audience of 2,500 people at Warrington whom he kept in rapt attention for upwards of two hours. The object of these lectures was to let the people of the Empire know each other and to draw together these bonds of union without which they could not exist as a Great Empire. Possibly by broadening the basis of the Fellowship the Council hoped largely to increase the membership roll, and he thought the facilities for meeting which now existed at the Institute would have that effect. He had sitting at his right hand, Sir Frederick Young, one of the original members forty-two years ago, who had consistently upheld the interests of the union of the Empire. He was sure they all welcomed him there that day, and hoped he would be long shared to see them continue the work he had begun. (Cheers.)

Sir Frederick Young, who is 91 years of age made a few remarks reminiscent of the early days of the Institute. He is a wonderful old man. I had a brief conversation with him, and learned from him of the struggles of the Institute. His intellect is as keen as his physical movements are alert and active, and it is easy to understand how it was that while he acted as hon. secretary, from 1874 to 1887, the Institute preserved its activity and gained in strength and importance. In his remarks he said that formerly the feeling in regard to the Colonies was that they were a burden on the Mother Country. But owing in a great measure to the work of the Institute the Colonies had long been regarded with pride, and every year the feeling was growing to bind them closer to the Mother Country.

At the reception, the guests were welcomed by Sir J. Bervan Edwards and Lady Bervan Edwards, and were shown over the building by the Secretary, Mr. J. K. Boose, and the Librarian, Mr. P. Evans Lewis. Among those present were: Sir Godfrey Lagden, Sir John Cockburn, Admiral Sir N. Bowden Smith, Hon. T. A. Brasse, Major-General Sir Henry Green, Admiral the Hon. Sir E. Fremantle (in command of the China Squadron during the China-Japan war) Mr. R. S. Bond, Mr. Frederick Dutton, Sir J. B. Robinson (Agent-General for Queensland), the Hon. Dr. J. McCall (Agent-General for Tasmania), Admiral Sir Frederick Bedford, Mr. Richard Jebb, Sir W. Treacher, Sir R. Llewellyn, Colonel Sir David Bruce and Mr. Albert Bruce-Joy.

As a Fellow, I cannot too highly recommend the Institute to residents in Hongkong. Apart altogether from the influence it yields in moulding opinion throughout the Empire, it has much to recommend it. The Colonial visitor passing through London who has no club to go to and finds the smoke-room of his hotel, he it ever so good, a somewhat cold and cheerless place to spend a leisure hour, will always be sure of a ready welcome from Mr. Boose and his exceedingly courteous staff. He will find a cheery fire and a cosy corner in any of the rooms and a congenial companion with whom to discuss Colonial affairs over a cup of tea or coffee. The library is exceptionally fine and the newspapers and magazines are well and conveniently arranged for ready reference.

## VILLAGE DESTROYED BY FIRE.

The village Apmalin, near Cheungshawan, was early yesterday morning destroyed by fire. How the outbreak occurred is not known, but the alarm was received at Yammti about 4.30 and transmitted to Hongkong, both brigades turning out at once, but the absence of any roads leading to the village made it impossible for them to get near the scene of the fire with the engines. Difficulty also beset the fire float when it reached the scene, the low tide preventing it from getting close enough to render assistance.

The fire, which had originated in one or other of the numerous boat-building sheds, quickly spread, and the flames devoured everything in their way, boats, sheds, and then the fifty odd huts erected in the vicinity. Many boats were burnt, the huts housing the villagers were destroyed, and several pigs were roasted. The area covered by the fire extended to fully an acre, and the conflagration burnt itself out in about four hours.

This is the second time within a few years that this village has been burnt down.

## AT THE MAGISTRACY.

Yesterday a man who had been found stealing a jacket was sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment, and also to one year's imprisonment for having returned from banishment.

On behalf of twenty-seven men who had been arrested at a Chinese seamen's Club for gambling, Mr. Otto Kong Sing pleaded guilty. The two keepers of the gaming house were fined \$50 each and the remainder \$4 each. One of the defendants was a Chinese seaman from the *Tamar*.

Another kidnapping story was told at the Magistrate's yesterday. A man who lived in the same house as a widow and her two sons took one out for tea the other morning, but as he did not return she became uneasy. A friend of hers went to the Macao steamer and found defendant with the boy on board.

The large Court was considerably overcrowded when P. S. Watt placed 39 men before Mr. E. R. Hallifax, one charged with keeping an opium den and the remainder with using it as an opium den. The keeper was fined \$100 and the others were ordered to pay \$2 each. An other batch of 17 were dealt with similarly, the keeper being fined \$100 and the others \$2 each.

An interesting story was told before the Magistrate yesterday by Inspector Collett in charging a man with the theft of \$15. A complaint had been received that a Shan-twan detective had been taking money, and a trap was laid in order to catch the supposed delinquent. Money which had previously been marked was entrusted to the old woman who complained, but the detective did not claim the money. Instead the man who informed went to the house and demanded the money from the old lady. She refused to give it to him and he snatched it from her and made off. However, his flight was soon stopped.

## LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The *Apar* str. *Aratton* *Apar* from Shanghai and Kobe left Mui on the 10th instant at 6 p.m., and may be expected here on or about the 15th instant.

The *Apar* str. *Japan* from Calcutta left Singapore on the 10th instant afternoon, and may be expected here on or about the 16th inst.







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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

THE WEST POINT BUILDING COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-THIRD ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Company's Office, Victoria Buildings, on FRIDAY, the 27th January, 1911, at 11.45 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1910.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED on TUESDAY, 17th January, to FRIDAY, 27th January, 1911 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
A. SHELTON HOOPER,  
Secretary to  
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LTD.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-THIRD ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Company's Office, Victoria Buildings, on FRIDAY, the 27th January, 1911, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1910.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED on TUESDAY, 17th January, to FRIDAY, 27th January, 1911 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
A. SHELTON HOOPER,  
Secretary to  
THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN & MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

THE FOURTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, St. George's Building, No. 6, Connaught Road, on SATURDAY, 28th January, 1911, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1910, declaring a Dividend and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 23rd January, 1911, until SATURDAY, the 28th January, 1911, both days inclusive.

General Managers,  
Hongkong, 12th January, 1911. [180]

CHINESE IMPERIAL RAILWAY.

CANTON-KOWLOON RAILWAY.

CHINESE SECTION.

PUBLIC TIME-TABLE.

In force from 10TH JANUARY, 1911, Until Further Notice.

CANTON (TAI SHA TOW) TO SIEN TSUN.

Daily Passenger Trains.

Miles	STATION	No. 1	No. 3
		A.M.	P.M.
	CANTON (Tai Sha Tou) dep.	7.30	2.00
3.63	SHIEN PAI arr.	7.39	2.09
	dep.	7.42	2.12
7.90	CHE PI arr.	7.53	2.23
	dep.	7.57	2.27
12.58	WU CHUNG arr.	8.08	2.38
	dep.	8.11	2.41
17.09	NAM KONG arr.	8.22	2.52
	dep.	8.26	2.56
21.67	SUN TONG arr.	8.38	3.08
	dep.	8.41	3.11
23.51	TONG MEI arr.	8.46	3.16
	dep.	8.50	3.20
25.54	NGA YEO arr.	8.55	3.25
	dep.	8.58	3.28
29.00	SIEN TSUN arr.	9.07	3.37

SIEN TSUN TO CANTON (TAI SHA TOW).

Daily Passenger Trains.

Miles	STATION	No. 2	No. 4
		A.M.	P.M.
	SIEN TSUN dep.	9.25	4.00
3.46	NGA YEO arr.	9.34	4.09
	dep.	9.37	4.12
5.39	TONG MEI arr.	9.42	4.17
	dep.	9.46	4.21
7.33	SUN TONG arr.	9.51	4.26
	dep.	9.54	4.29
11.91	NAM KONG arr.	10.06	4.41
	dep.	10.10	4.45
16.42	WU CHUNG arr.	10.21	4.56
	dep.	10.24	4.59
21.10	CHE PI arr.	10.35	5.10
	dep.	10.39	5.14
25.37	SHIEN PAI arr.	10.50	5.25
	dep.	10.53	5.28
29.00	CANTON (Tai Sha Tou) arr.	11.02	5.37

This Cancels previous Time Table.

By Order,  
THE ADMINISTRATION.

Canton, 6th January, 1911. [181]

## NEW ADVERTISEMENT

## NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

H. M. H. NEMAZEE has REMOVED from No. 6, Des Vaux Road to No. 10, DES VEAUX ROAD.  
Hongkong, 12th January, 1911. [177]

## NOTICES OF FIRM

## NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. WILHELM HELMS in our Firm CEASED as from the 31st December, 1910.  
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.  
Hongkong, 1st January, 1911. [136]

## NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. RICHARD MARTEN in our Firm CEASED by mutual consent on 30th April, 1910.  
Mr. KURT DETMERS has been admitted a partner in our Firm from this date.  
RAEDCKER & Co.  
Hongkong, 1st January, 1911. [137]

## WANTED

## WANTED.

AN ENGLISH JUNIOR CLERK in Shipping Office. State Salary and Reference.  
Apply to—A. B. C.  
Care of "Daily Press" Office.  
Hongkong, 10th January, 1911. [170]

## WANTED.

GOVERNESS qualified to teach class of children on Peak. Apply Early stating qualifications, terms day and half day to "ALPHA".  
Care of "Daily Press" Office.  
Hongkong, 10th January, 1911. [171]

## WANTED.

BY an ENGLISHMAN. Post as Accountant. Good References and Qualifications. Outposts not objected to.  
Apply—G. W.  
Care of "Daily Press" Office.  
Hongkong, 17th December, 1910. [176]

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Hongkong, 22nd November, 1910. [1307]

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Harbour Department.  
Hongkong, 11th January, 1911. [175]

## FOR SALE.

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Apply—G. FENWICK & Co., LTD.,  
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Hongkong, 8th June, 1906. [111-112]

## ON SALE.

HONGKONG HANSARD REPORTS of the MEETINGS of the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for the Session 1909.

REVISED BY THE MEMBERS.

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Hongkong, 21st February, 1910. [316]

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Hongkong, 29th October, 1910. [1229]

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Canton, 6th January, 1911. [181]

## INTIMATIONS

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL, Hongkong, TO-DAY (THURSDAY), the 12th day of JANUARY, 1911, at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon, when the subjoined Resolutions will be proposed:

(1) That Article No. 70 of the Articles of Association of the Company, which now reads—

"The Directors shall have power from time to time and at any time to appoint any other persons to be Directors, but so that the total number of Directors shall not at any time exceed seven and so that no appointment under this clause shall have effect unless two-thirds at least of the Directors concur therein,"

be amended by eliminating the word "seven" in the third line of such Article and by substituting the word "five" therefor, and also by eliminating the words "two-thirds at least" in the fourth line of such Article and by substituting the words "a majority" therefor.

(2) That Article No. 72 of the Articles of Association of the Company, which now reads—

"The Directors other than the General Managers shall be paid out of the funds of the Company by way of remuneration for their services a commission of Five per cent. of the net profits of the Company for each year provided that such profits amount to Seven per cent. of the capital of the Company and such remuneration shall be divided among them in such proportions and manner as the Directors may determine and in default equally."

be amended by eliminating therefrom the words "provided that such profits amount to Seven per cent. of the capital of the Company" in the third and fourth lines thereof and by substituting in lieu thereof the words—"provided that such commission shall not in any one year exceed the sum of \$5,000."

(3) That Article No. 82 of the Articles of Association of the Company, which now reads—

"The remuneration of the General Managers shall be \$8,000 per annum to cover office, rent and salaries of Secretary and clerks and a commission of 5 per cent. of the net profits of the Company for each year that such profits amount to 7 per cent. of the Capital of the Company."

be amended by eliminating the words "that such profits amount to 7 per cent. of the capital of the Company" contained in the fourth and fifth lines of the Articles in question.

(4) That Article No. 105 of the Articles of Association of the Company be struck out and that in lieu thereof the two following further Articles be added, namely:—

"No. 105.  
"Notice of the Declaration of any dividends whether interim or otherwise shall be given to the holders of registered shares by advertisement in manner hereinafter provided and no dividend shall bear interest as against the Company and a dividend shall not be deemed a specialty."  
"All dividends unclaimed for one year after having been declared may be invested or otherwise made use of by the Directors for the benefit of the Company until claimed and all dividends unclaimed for five years after having been declared may be forfeited by the Directors for the benefit of the Company."

(5) That the above Resolutions shall be retrospective in their effect and that the alterations in the Articles of Association of the Company thereby effected shall be deemed to have been effected and to come into force as on and from the 1st day of January, 1910. Should the above Resolutions be passed by the required majority they will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions to a second Extraordinary Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

Dated this 4th day of January, 1911.

By Order of the Board,  
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,  
General Managers. [153]

HONGKONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held at the CITY HALL on MONDAY next, the 16th January, at 12.15 p.m. The Hon. Mr. HENRY KESWICK has kindly consented to take the chair.

The attendance of the Public is specially invited.

LENA POLLOCK,  
Hon. Secretary. [174]

Hongkong, 11th Janu'y, 1911.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

THE Undersigned have This Day MOVED their Offices to No. 2, CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, (3rd Floor).

DENNY & BOWLEY,  
Solicitors and Notaries. [132]

Hongkong, 2nd January, 1911.

NATIONAL ASSURANCE COMPANY OF IRELAND.

ESTABLISHED 1822.

THE Undersigned having been Appointed AGENTS for the above Company are prepared to accept Risks against Fires at Current Rates.

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Hongkong, 19th December, 1910. [1402]

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Hongkong, 15th December, 1910. [113]

## INTIMATION

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Hongkong, 11th January, 1911. [172]

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A FIVE-ROOMED HOUSE in Century Crescent, Kennedy Road.

Apply to—J. R. MICHAEL & Co.,  
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Hongkong, 3rd January, 1911. [138]

## TO LET.

GODOWN, No. 5A, DUDDELL STREET.

Apply to—THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD.  
Hongkong, 4th January, 1911. [114]

## TO LET.

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Alexandra Buildings.  
Hongkong, 2nd February, 1910. [119]

## TO LET.

A HOUSE, in Knutsford Terrace.

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Hongkong, 4th January, 1911. [117]

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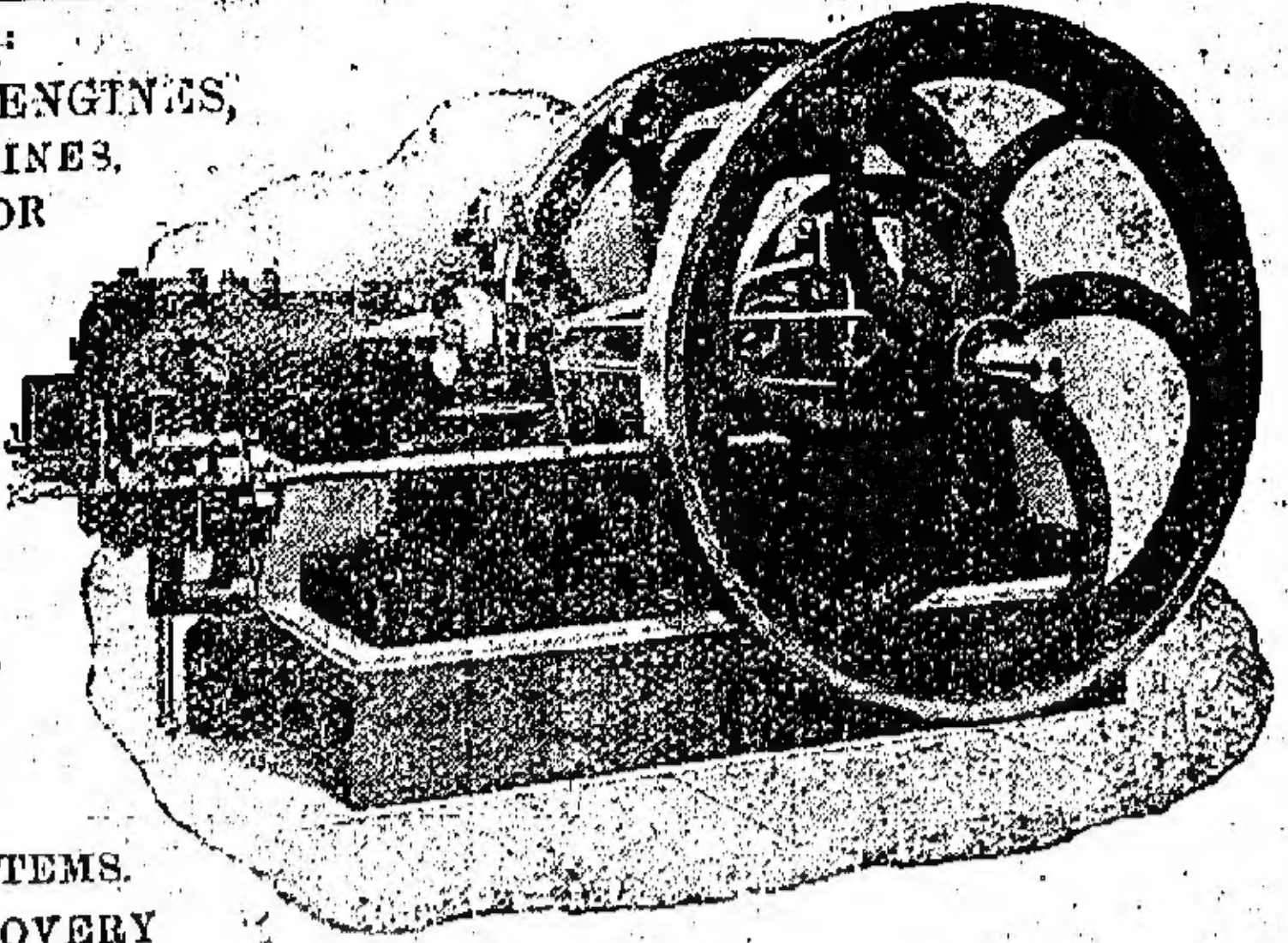
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A day distant from picturesque Penang, where the Western traveller obtains his first glimpse of romantic Malaya, is a remarkable town whose name, Kuala Lumpur, is literally "Mud" or "Mudmouth," the capital of Selangor and the Federated Malay States, the other end of the ever-moving rubber sea-saw and the planters' meeting place.

Kuala Lumpur is not excellence the rubber town, and Selangor the rubber State, for the industry has been the means by which they have emerged from a nebulous past in a country which at once suggests to the uninitiated wild life, the jungle, fever, and a precarious existence, into a condition of prosperity and well-ordered government, with handsome public buildings and offices, magnificent roads, and a dozen and one other possessions and characteristics, which are the outward indications of real and substantial progress. All this has been achieved within a single extraordinary. Shortly after the British Residents were first appointed in the Federated Malay States a small band of planters from Ceylon made an application to the Government for a large tract of land—10,000 acres—for "agricultural purposes." Difficulties arose concerning the length of lease, and they abandoned their intention.

They had realized the country's possibilities, but they were too soon, and Malaya, which had for years depended on tin for its revenue, continued to devote its attention to sending huge quantities to the smelting works at Singapore and Province Wellesley of the Straits Trading Company. The tin is still mined and smelted, but Kuala Lumpur nowadays has little to do with the white metal. Many of the mines in the neighbourhood are inactive; but the rubber trees are thick on scores of plantations for many miles around, and the empty spaces are still being feverishly filled with the bright green leaved trees which gave London a "boom" it will not soon forget. In six years, it is estimated, by careful computation, that the Malay Peninsula will be producing 70,000 tons of rubber, and, in spite of criticism, there is no reason to suppose that this estimate will be found to be other than a conservative one.

A few years ago planters in the Federated Malay States were counted in hundreds. There are several thousand now, the State of Selangor alone accounting for 1,000, and the mail steamers continue to add to the number month by month. The industry funds room for them all, and will continue to afford openings for many more. The census, preparations for which are now being made, will be a revelation. It will, in plain figures, tell the story of a country of new arrivals, and men who six or seven years ago hardly dreamed of Malaya's existence, and could not put their finger upon their present home on a map. The "griffins" outnumber the older generation by four to one.

The old days, when a small and select bunch of Government servants and an equally small coterie of business men comprised the European community, are dead. Like the flow of mining prospectors into a new El Dorado, the planters have swarmed over the face of the land, and they are making this far-away peninsula, the plantation rubber garden of the world. Here in the heart of this vast tract of estates eddy all the little social currents. Three years ago one of Kuala Lumpur's most cherished possessions was a worn-looking diminutive club-house facing a broad "padding" irreverently known in this sun-flooded corner of Asia as the "Spotted Dog." Near the entrance was the mounted head of a "sladag," vicious, eyed, and temperamental, a trophy of the jungle. From this rendezvous near the centre of the town, the "Tuan," late in the afternoon, would saunter forth with willow-or-hockey stick in search of recreation, and perchance also to teach the native the art of Western games. In the building, the sparse collection of Europeans read the month-old periodicals, played billiards, and discussed the failures of the fire-engine or the latest jungle murder—and then went home to dinner and bed. A man's neighbour then was nearer than a brother. A new club, one of the finest in the East, large and commodious, with broad verandahs, reading and billiard rooms, has arisen on the destruction of the old building, and in the end of the evening, when a bag of lawn tennis or a long string of motor-car may be seen waiting in charge of Malay chauffeurs, near the portico. The membership

reaches 1,000, the great majority being from out-stations, principally estates. The planter is not often in town, but it is here that his pent-up exuberance generally finds vent, for in his own environment he has come to know the real meaning of a great loneliness. Away on the edges of the jungle, on his estate, with perhaps a large and occasionally not very tractable "Tamil" labour force to control, and the eternal difficulties of "crimping" to contend with, his days are drab-coloured and his evenings tinged with gloom.

It is a wonderful community, too, this of the planters. Heterogeneous in character, it is drawn from strange places, and represents every profession, trade, or occupation under the sun. An ex-doctor drinks with the relative of a famous English soap manufacturer, or a son of great novelist forms one of a merry gathering of light spirits sitting at a round table, and discusses rubber with a nephew of an A.R.A., a well-known Blue, or bronzed wanderers from the Gulf Coast, the Congo, or South Africa. Yesterday they were occupied in pursuits as far removed as the poles. Many of the crowd have fought and worked in strange places, sometimes where necessity dictated. In their ranks are included officers of line regiments, artillery, an actor, a brewer, a newspaper-seller, a railway carriage cleaner, a commercial traveller, bank clerks, a sailor, school-masters, a pearl fisher, a South American rancher, a corporal of Dragoons, a survivor of Stanley's expedition, doctors, law and mining students, a county cricketeer, ex-President of the Oxford Union, and a chicken farmer.

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